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SUBJ: MAY 15 VICTORIA FALLS SHOOTING

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1. CONCUR IN RELEASE MUDENDA JUNE 4 LETTER OF APOLOGY TO CROTHERS, BUT NOT WITHOUT SOME HESITANCY BECAUSE, IN LIGHT THEIR OUTRAGE AND BITTERNESS TOWARD ZAMBIA AND ADMIRATION OF SOUTHER RHODESIA (STATE 169321), CROTHERS MIGHT BE TEMPTED MISUSE LETTER IN SOME WAY. GIVEN GRZ'S OWN STRONG FEELINGS AND RESENTMENT (STATE 153659), CONSEQUENCES COULD BE UNPLESANT, PARTICULARLY IF DRIJBER PERSISTS IN ATTEMPTS STIR UP ISSUE (OTTAWA 2047).

2.LETTER, NEVERTHELESS, SECRETARY'S TO DISPOSE OF AS HE SEES FIT AND BELIEVE WE MUST PRESUME GRZ CALCULATED IT MIGHT BE SHOWN OR GIVEN TO CROTHERS AND POSSIBLE PUBLISHED AT SMOME TIME. INDEED, MUDENDA STATES IN PARA 2 OF LETTER HE WRITING NOT ONLY TO SECRETARY BUT THROUGH HIM TO AMERICAN PEOPLE AS WELL. ACKNOWLEDGE, MOREOVER, THERE MAY BE LITTLE GROUND FOR THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED ABOVE DUE PASSAGE OF TIME AND APPARENT CROTHERS' INTEREST NOW IN CONCENTRATING ON QUESTION OF COMPENSATION.NELSON

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